



April 2, 2023

RE: In Support of **LD 814 An Act to Restrict the Daytime and Nighttime Killing of Coyotes**

Senator LaFountain, Representative Landry, and members of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife:

My name is Beth Gallie and I am President of Maine Animal Coalition. Maine Animal Coalition is a not for profit dedicated to the elimination of animal abuse and exploitation through education, advocacy, and example.

Maine Animal Coalition supports **LD 814 An Act to Restrict the Daytime and Nighttime Killing of Coyotes**. We support this bill because we believe that both predators and prey species are vital components in a healthy ecosystem.

If passed, this bill would make it illegal to kill coyotes from April 1st to September 30th. This is the time when coyotes teach their offspring to be effective hunters of a variety of small prey, such as mice, squirrels and even amphibians and birds.

It is our understanding that coyotes may kill a fawn in spring or a deer in deep snow of winter, but coyotes most often eat small prey. Allowing year-round hunting of coyotes disrupts their natural behavior and we ask you to end this practice.

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